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Other arts at the fair

The Fine Arts section at Santa Cruz County Fair opened last night with a formal preview party for artists and friends, a wine tasting and refreshments in the art building at the fairgrounds.

Over 100 people gathered to preview this year's larger-than-ever exhibition put together by chairman Dale Skillicorn.

During fair week, demonstrations will be given in the arts section.

The Tortuga Patrol, a group of art- and community-minded teenagers who have been trained and are on call to do special work for the schools, will give continuous art demonstrations every day, outside the building. They will be painting panels which later will be fitted into large murals on public buildings and malls.

In the junior art area, daily workshops will be given for youngsters in the patio area of Paddy Smith Park. About 20 children at a time will be able to use crayons and paints under supervision of Darlene Alexa.

Students from Montessori School will give daily demonstrations in the arts building of jewelry and pottery-making and weaving.

Judging of the Fine Arts this year was done by Nat Levy of San Francisco, a professional artist and member of the Society of Western Artists and Rip Matteson, professional artist and arts chairman at Laney College. Other judges are Doug Steakley of Carmel, jewelry; and Mary Buskirk and Sandy Hocker, both of Carmel, artisan crafts.

Artists are allowed to show two pieces of their work, since the show is intended to be a competitive show of workmanship and quality. Interested buyers are referred to the artists and artisans, and the fair makes no sales. Pieces are covered by insurance by the fair, Skillicorn noted. An Arts and Crafts sales division is located elsewhere at the fair.

The junior art section for children through age 13 is coordinated by Linda Webb.

MURAL DEMONSTRATION
BY
EL TORTUGA PATROL
PUBLIC WELCOME TO PAINT
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ACCOMPAINIED BY ADULT

The finished mural went to Watsonville Second Harvest Food Bank.